

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

LET FREEDOM RING

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this historic document marked the birth of the United States of America as a free and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the anniversary of this great event should be appropriately observed each year at the same moment throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States resolved in 1963 that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at 2:00 p.m., eastern daylight time, on the 4th day of July, or at such time as determined by local authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby recommend this observance of "LET FREEDOM RING" in North Carolina, to coincide with the "NATIONAL BELL RINGING CEREMONY" and commend this observance to all our citizens.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael F. Easley in dark ink.
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.